Third Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Krishnaswami Rao.—

There are 24 middle schools and 154 primary schools for the Mysore Taluk. So far as I am aware there is no middle school for that taluk. Is Mysore City included in that?

Third Member of Council.—

There is no separate statement for the Mysore City and Mysore Taluk. It is not possible to answer this definitely.

MR. B. LINGE GOWDA (Hiriyur Taluk).—

Q.—38 Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) The total area that was cultivated in the bed of the Vani Vilasa Sagara in each of the years 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28 and 1928-29 and the total amount of assessment levied on the said land in each of the above mentioned years?

(*b*) The total amount of assessment that was levied on lands under Vani Vilasa Sagara including the amount levied, on account of unauthorised irrigation in each of the years 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28 and 1928-29.

(*c*) The number of units of water let out of the Vani Vilasa Sagara in each of the years 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28 and 1928-29.

(*d*) The maximum reading of the level of the water in Vani Vilasa Sagara below which water cannot flow in the sluice.

(*e*) The reading of the level of water in the sluice in the beginning of each of the months of June, July, August, September and October in each of the years 1927 and 1928?

(*f*) The water rate levied on lands belonging to the atchkat in the years 1926-27, 1927-28 and 1928-29 and the considerations on which the said levy is based?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—38.

	Year		Area	Assessment Rs. a. p.
(*a*)	1924-25	..	751-21	302 11 7
	1925-26	..	2,526-22	2,526 9 3
	1926-27	..	1,957-26	2,097 8 4
	1927-28	..	1,799-36	1,800 0 0
	1928-29	..	2,077- 0	2,077 0 0

(*b*) Statement enclosed (*Vide* Appendix XVI.)

(*c*)	1924-25	..	23,386	units.
	1925-26	..	22,408	,,
	1926-27	..	15,836	,,
	1927-28	..	14,360	,,
	1928-29	..	9,925	to end of 12-4-1929.

(*d*) 60·00.

(*e*)	1- 6-27	..	77·70	—	1- 6-28	..	67·55
	1- 7-27	..	76·70	—	1- 7-28	..	66·42
	1- 8-27	..	75·55	—	1- 8-28	..	65·70
	1- 9-27	..	73·90	—	1- 9-28	..	64·35
	1-10-27	..	78·80	—	1-10-28	..	63·10

'(*f*)	1926-27	..	5 8 0		
	1927-28	..	3 8 0	}	per acre.
	1928-29	..	4 8 0		

A rate of Rs. 6-8-0 has been sanctioned for these years in G.O. No. R. 3089-94—L.R. 13-25-10, dated 18th December 1925, but a reduction was ordered by Government separately for each year in consideration of the agricultural conditions of the tract during the said year.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Linge Cowda.—

It is stated in reply to section (*f*) of the question that a reduction of assessment was ordered in consideration of the agricultural conditions of the tract. Will the Government be pleased to state what the agricultural conditions are?

Second Member of Council.—

That there was no sufficient water.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—

From the answer furnished for 1928-29, it may be presumed that up to the end of June there might be 11,000 units of water. That means it was 3,000 units less than the previous year. If so, why was the assessment increased by one rupee instead of reducing it when the conditions were less favourable?

Second Member of Council.—

The matter has to be examined. It is not easy to give an off-hand reply.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—

If the level of the water was only three feet above the sluice, will there be a regular flow of water in the channel?

Second Member of Council.—

It may flow slowly and there may not be water to be wasted.

Mr. Linge Gowda.—

Is the Government aware that for the past three years the water supply was not sufficient for the ragi and paddy cultivation?

Second Member of Council.—

That is why Government are levying only Rs. 4-8-0 per acre.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

In view of the above circumstances, is it not desirable to reduce the water rate?

Second Member of Council.—

There are at present no sufficient reasons for doing so. It is reported that there was plenty of water after October.

Mr. Rama Das.—

Has any report been received by the Government regarding the shortage of water?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. Rama Das.—

Are the Government satisfied that the raiyats are in a position to pay the present rate of assessment?

Second Member of Council.—

I cannot answer.

Mr. Rama Das.—

Is the Government aware of the average price for an acre of land in the Vani Vilas Sagara?

Second Member of Council.—

We are not prepared to make any enquiry.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Why have you given less number of units from 1926?

Second Member of Council.—

The statistics merely show that less water has been wasted.

Mr. Sanjeeviah.—

On what basis did you issue less water?

Second Member of Council.—

We have received no complaints in regard to the quantity issued. When there was plenty of water, we gave more. When the water is less, some caution is necessary.

Mr. Sanjeeviah.—

Do you think that the water supplied was sufficient for the fields?

Second Member of Council.—

We have received no complaints.

Mr. B. Linge Gowda.—

Are the Government aware that nearly Rs. 50,000 was in arrears? The raiyats are not in a position to pay that sum. Will the Government be pleased to consider the reduction of the rate of assessment?

Second Member of Council.—

There has been more water in the tank since 1928-29. The condition is more satisfactory. There is at present therefore no sufficient reason to reduce the rate of assessment. If there is any, Government will consider it.

MR. B. S. PUTTASWAMY (T.-Narasipur Taluk).—

Q.—22. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) When the pipe foundry plant was erected at Bhadravati and at what cost ?